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Center Licensing Inspection Full Report

All licensed child care programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped as Serious, Moderate or Low risk violations. Documenting statements and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the child care website at http://jfs.ohio.gov/CDC/childcare.stm. This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other child care records, please contact the Child Care Help Desk at 1-877-302-2347, option 4.

Program Details			
Program Name Montessori Community School LLC	Program Number 2170014497		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 621 Country Club Dr Newark OH 43055			County LICKING
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 08/06/2025	Food Service Risk Level Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/11/2025	Begin Time 9:30 AM	End Time 3:50 PM
Reviewer: Joseph Diehm		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
58	9	0	1	8

License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection				
Age Group	License Capacity	Enrollment		
	Totals	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Infant (Birth to < 18 m)		14	0	14
Young Toddler		18	0	18
Total Under 2 ½ Years	76	32	0	32
Older Toddler		8	0	8
Preschool		57	0	57
School Age		7	54	61
Total Capacity/Enrollment	174	72	54	158

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**

Little Lambs	0 to < 12 months	4 to 8	
Little Lambs	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	
Bumblebee	3 years to < 4 years	3 to 22	
Bumblebee	3 years to < 4 years	3 to 22	
Sunshine	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 19	
Sunshine	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 19	
Discovery	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 3	
Discovery	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	
Kindergarten	School-Age to < 11 years	2 to 7	
Kindergarten	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 7	
Safari	18 months to < 30 months	3 to 9	
Safari	18 months to < 30 months	3 to 9	
Teddy Bears 2	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 7	
Teddy Bears 1	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	
Teddy Bears 1	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	

Summary of Non-Compliances

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5180:2-12-03 and 5180:2-13-03 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within seven business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is star rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

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Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 3,4 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.
2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.
3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.
4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/15/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate group size for each group of children served.

Finding: During the inspection, group size limitations were not maintained for the group of Bumblebee as it was determined there were 25 children grouped together. The group size shall not exceed twice the maximum number of children allowed per Child Care Staff Member. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/15/2025

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to store chemicals and cleaning and sanitizing supplies in a place that is inaccessible to children. Cleaning agents, aerosol cans and chemical substances must be stored in their original

container or clearly labeled. School-age children may use cleaning supplies and equipment with adult supervision.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous substance, which was determined to not present a serious risk to a child, was not used or stored properly as noted in number(s) 11 below:

1. Cosmetics were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
2. Disinfecting wipes were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
3. Fish food was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
4. Hand lotion was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
5. Hand sanitizer (for children under 24 months) was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
6. Laundry detergent was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
7. Powder dish washing soap was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
8. Paint cans were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
9. White out was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
10. Potting Soil was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
11. Other potentially hazardous substance magic eraser was accessible to children in the Sunshine area.
12. Cleaning/sanitizing supplies had not been clearly labeled.
13. School-age children were using cleaning supplies, agents and/or equipment without adult supervision.
14. A spray aerosol was used in the [ ] group while children were in attendance.
15. Other: [ ].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/15/2025

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures
Code: The program is required to have staff trained in CPR, First Aid, and Communicable Diseases on all trips.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a person trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid and management of communicable disease, had not been present for number(s) 1 below as required by the rule:

1. In the vehicle for routine trips;
2. In the vehicle for field trips;
3. At the destination on all field trips.

Secure current training for the area needed or restructure the staff who are currently trained on the vehicle during routine trips and field trips. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements
Code: The program is required to have children and staff practice and document safely exiting vehicles during an emergency.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had not conducted and/or documented monthly emergency exiting drills on vehicles with children, including the date of the drill and all staff who transport children. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/15/2025

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation
Code: The program staff is required to label and store bottles with breast milk following the requirements in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that breast milk provided by the parent was not stored appropriately as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Not labeled with infant's name, date pumped, and date bottle was prepared;
2. Not immediately refrigerated or frozen;
3. Stored at room temperature longer than eight hours;
4. Stored at the program for more than five days after it was expressed;
5. Stored longer than two weeks in the freezer compartment of the refrigerator;
6. Stored longer than six months in the refrigerator/freezer;
7. Stored longer than twelve months in the deep freezer;
8. Other [ ].

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement
Code: The program staff's medical statements are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for the employees listed on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the requirements as listed in number(s) 5C below.

1. A medical statement was not on file for at least one employee;
2. The medical statement(s) on file did not have a date of examination within 12 months of the employee's first day of employment;
3. Date of examination was missing;
4. Signature, business address, or telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination was missing;
5. A statement was missing that verifies the employee is:
a. Physically fit for employment in a program caring for children;
b. Immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap);
c. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR);
6. Tuberculosis (TB) screening/test information was missing:
a. Documentation of the screening process to determine if the employee resided in a country identified by the world health organization as having a high burden of TB and arrived in the United States within the five years preceding the date of application for employment.
b. Results of a TB test for employees meeting both criteria in 6a.
c. Results of additional testing for employees with a positive TB test.
d. Written statement, signed by a representative of the TB control unit, that the employee's TB is no longer infectious or the individual is receiving a TB treatment regimen for employees with a positive TB test.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, or TB results/documentation, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/15/2025

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection
Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training. Additionally, the training must be completed before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member(s) did not meet the requirements for completing the online orientation training as noted in number(s) 1 below:

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1. The training was not completed within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. Documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016 was not on file.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.
4. A child care staff member had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration
Code: The program is required to remove all medication, medical foods and topical products that are no longer being administered or have expired. The program is also required to maintain current documentation to administer medications, medical foods and topical products.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that medication, medical foods and/or topical products did not meet the requirement(s) for administering medication, medical foods, and/or medical products as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. The medication, medical food, or topical product was no longer needed and had not been removed from the program.
2. The medication, medical food, or topical product had expired and had not been removed from the program.
3. The prescription label had expired.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 8/6/26.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: 3/1/26 WGH-DDUHUY.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was mulch.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	